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Thanks Ben. Dave and I talked about the need for another team meeting to discuss big-picture options like this one. As you are probably following the email traffic about our planned meeting with the Corps, (et al?), you know that it is now looking like Portland in late August. So we have a little time to think about things. But we need to get meeting(s) scheduled, or the time will slip by. The summer vacation schedule is upon us now. Dave and I are looking at some July time off. Stay tuned.

Weren't there a couple other big-picture ideas floating around? And it occurs to me that we might want to think about giving the Corps and Bureau a heads up prior to our meeting **IF** we really think these ideas could take some of the steam out of this inter-agency anxiety.

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Grand Coulee TMDL

Columbia Temperature Team -

At the tail end of our last briefing on the Columbia/Snake TMDL, Marylou asserted her wish that we focus some effort on Grand Coulee as we move forward. Somebody, perhaps me, mused that we could do a TMDL/Implementation Plan just for Grand Coulee. Then the meeting ended. Dave Croxton and I were chatting later, and we think this idea merits consideration.

As we have emphasized all along, the top three players in temperature impact and control are Coulee, Dworshak, and Brownlee (Hells Canyon). Only one of these three, Dworshak, operates in a manner consistent with the goal of improving temperatures for fish. John Palmer and I are fully embarked on the Brownlee temperature control structure issue. Meanwhile, Coulee sits back and faces no requirements to implement changes in powerhouse operations, lost in the enormity of the 700 mile long, 15 dam Columbia TMDL.

The idea for your consideration is to do a TMDL analysis for the Columbia mainstem from Canadian border to the Coulee tailrace. I suppose the state of Washington would issue it (we could help with tech support). 1 state, 1 affected party, 1 standard, 0 cumulative impacts, and a possibility of meaningful improvements.

Thoughts?

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